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1. USG IS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT PROGRESS APPARENTLY IS BEING MADE, AS INDICATED BY SWISS AVIATION OFFICE'S PROPOSAL TO VISIT RHEIN MAIN TO OBSERVE A CARGO AIRCRAFT AND A MED EVAC AIRCRAFT THAT WOULD NORMALLY OVERFLY SWITZERLAND (REF A).

2. AS REF B INDICATED, USG WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A VISIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUSLY STATED GROUND RULES, CONFIDENTIAL

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ON THE ASSUMPTION SUCH VISIT IS TAKEN AS TACIT ACCEPTANCE

OF THESE GROUND RULES. IT IS ASSUMED THE PROPOSED UP-COMING VISIT WILL NOT ENTAIL DIVULGING THE EXACT PURPOSE OF THE TRIP TO THE FRG OR OTHER THIRD PARTIES -- OR THROUGH ANY PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE SWISS WILL NOT REQUEST THE OPENING OF CONTAINERS.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS, THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO USAFE/MAC FIRING UP WITH USDAO BERN MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DATES WHEN AIRCRAFT WOULD BE AT RHEIN MAIN. WE REGRET THAT INSUFFICIENT TIME REMAINED TO ARRANGE RESUMPTION OF OVERFLIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEB 19-20, BUT BELIEVE A CARGO/MEDEVAC OVERFLIGHT OF SWITZERLAND CAN BE ARRANGED FOR THE ALTERNATE DATES SUGGESTED IN REF A (FEB. 25, 26, OR 27).

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONCURS. RUSH

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